

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiffs,

07 Civ. 9566

-against-

YANG MING LINE; YANG MING
(AMERICA) CORP.; MAHER TERMINALS LLC;
POL LOGISTICS, INC. and
DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

**ANSWER OF MAHER
TERMINALS, LLC TO
THE COMPLAINT**

Defendants.
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Defendant, Maher Terminals, LLC., by its attorneys, Kenny, Stearns & Zonghetti, LLC,
as and for its answer to the Complaint, alleges as follows:

JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the
allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint.

2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the
allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Damage to Cargo)

3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the
allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.

4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the
allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint.

5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the
allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint.

6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint.

7. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint.

8. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint.

9. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint.

10. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.

11. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

12. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.

13. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence/Willful Misconduct/Unseaworthiness)

14. Defendant Maher Terminals, LLC repeats and realleges each and every foregoing admission, denial and denial of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 13, inclusive, of this Answer to the Complaint and incorporates them as though fully set forth.

15. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

16. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Contract)

17. Defendant Maher Terminals, LLC repeats and realleges each and every foregoing admission, denial and denial of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 16, inclusive, of this Answer to the Complaint and incorporates them as though fully set forth.

18. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the Complaint.

19. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the Complaint.

20. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

21. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 21 of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Bailment)

22. Defendant Maher Terminals, LLC repeats and realleges each and every foregoing admission, denial and denial of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 21, inclusive, of this Answer to the Complaint and incorporates them as though fully set forth.

23. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 23 of the Complaint.

24. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR AN ANSWER TO THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Warranty)

25. Defendant Maher Terminals, LLC repeats and realleges each and every foregoing admission, denial and denial of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

truth of the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 24, inclusive, of this Answer to the Complaint and incorporates them as though fully set forth.

26. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 26 of the Complaint.

27. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 27 of the Complaint.

28. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST SEPARATE AND DISTINCT DEFENSE TO THE CAUSES
OF ACTION ALLEGED IN COMPLAINT**

29. The Court lacks *in personam* jurisdiction over the defendant, Maher Terminals, LLC.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND SEPARATE AND DISTINCT DEFENSE TO THE CAUSES
OF ACTION ALLEGED IN COMPLAINT**

30. The cause of the loss in whole or in part was the negligence of the plaintiff or the plaintiff's agents.

**AS AND FOR A THIRD SEPARATE AND DISTINCT DEFENSE TO THE CAUSES
OF ACTION ALLEGED IN COMPLAINT**

31. Maher Terminals, LLC asserts each and every defense available to it under the subject contract of carriage including, but not limited to, limitation of action, limitation of liability and cause of the loss beyond the control of the defendant.

**AS AND FOR A FOURTH SEPARATE AND DISTINCT DEFENSE TO THE CAUSES
OF ACTION ALLEGED IN COMPLAINT**

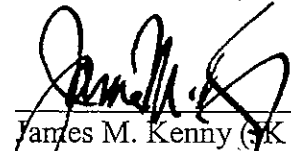
32. Defendant, Maher Terminals, LLC's liability is limited by Section 106(e) of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, Pub.L. No. 105-258, 112 Stat. 1902 (1998) (also found at 46. App. U.S.C.A. § 1707(f)).

WHEREFORE, Defendant Maher Terminals, LLC demands judgment dismissing the Complaint together with costs and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York
October 30, 2007

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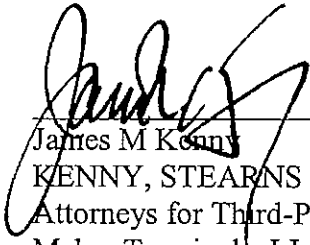
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on October 30, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to each of the following:

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